

REMARKS

A replacement drawing sheet is included in response to the drawing objection.

The specification is amended to correct typographical errors for which objections were stated in the Office Action.


The Office Action does not establish that claims 1-12 are unpatentable under 35 USC§112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The rejection is respectfully traversed because the claims are clearly enabled by the specification. In view of the Detailed Description of the various embodiments, the minor typographical errors of originally filed claims 1, 8, 9, and 12 would not have obscured the invention to a degree that would prevent one from making and using the invention. Claims 1, 8, 9, and 12 are amended to correct these typographical errors, not for the purpose of patentability, and the claims are thought to be in allowable form.

The Office Action does not establish that claims 6-7 and 9-12 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The rejection is respectfully traversed because the claims are thought to be reasonably clear to one skilled in the art. Claim 6 is amended, however, to clarify the invention. The typographical errors of originally filed claim 9 are not of a degree that one of ordinary skill in the art would not understand the invention. However, for purposes of expediting prosecution the typographical errors are corrected in amended claim 9. Claim 12 is similarly amended. The preambles of claims 1, 8, 9, and 12 are amended to reference a “predicated branch-call instruction” instead of a “branch-call instruction” for purposes of clarity. No amendment is thought to be needed in regards to references to “the branch-call instruction” in the preambles of the originally filed claims because there is no apparent ambiguity in the usage of “the branch-call instruction”. No recitation of “first predicate” and “second predicate” is thought to be needed in claim 1 at lines 8 and 9 because the current claim language indicates that the predicate remains the same even though the form of the instruction changes.

Withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration of the claims are respectfully requested. No extension of time is believed to be necessary for consideration of this response. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition for a sufficient number of months for consideration of this response. If there are any additional fees in connection with this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (HPCO.052PA).

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 5 is amended to correct a typographical error. A replacement sheet and a marked up sheet showing the changes accompany this communication.

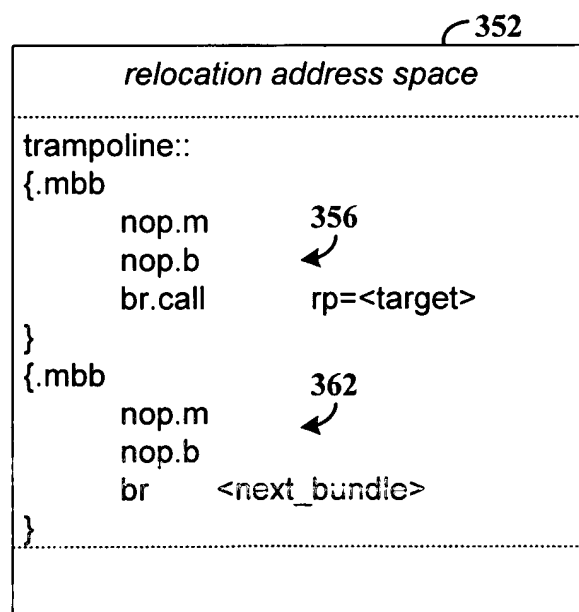
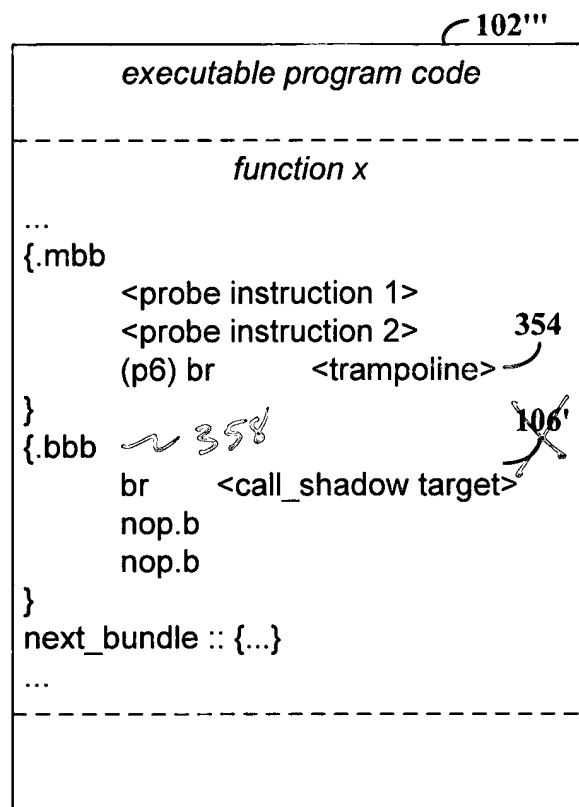


FIG. 5